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## POSSIBLE RUSSIAN PEACE.

What It Means as Outlined by Frank H. Simonds, an Able Writer.

As is well known Russia has done little in the European war for some months and rumor has it that the "Great Bear" will very likely make a separate peace with Germany and that such a course is very surely being forced upon the country by the blinded action of the laboring masses, who have been unable to understand and apply the difference between liberty under a democracy and the unbridled spirit of simple license.

Frank H. Simonds, one of the most able writers on the European war has the following to say in the Review of Reviews for this month:

"The view of most Allied writers that a separate peace between Germany and Austria on the one hand and Russia on the other is unlikely, I share. But I do believe it is sufficiently within the possibilities to require consideration.

"Suppose that Russia and her foes should reach a basis of settlement which restored to Russia all that she has lost save Poland, and gave her Armenian territory in Asia and free passage in the Straits, what then?

"First of all Rumania would collapse at once and be compelled to make a peace which would leave her a vassal of the Central Powers. Bulgaria would become permanently allied to the Central Powers and Serbia would either make a separate peace which would place her in the same posture as Bulgaria and Rumania, or else would lose all semblance of separate existence. As for Greece, we know that her king is merely waiting to throw his country into the arms of a German invader.

"Russian retirement, then, would mean the temporary success of the German dream of Mitteleuropa, it would mean that the Germans had succeeded in constructing an empire in Central Europe greater than Napoleon's and had also added to it Asia Minor and Syria.

"Such a situation would threaten the future of all the other nations of Europe. Italy, Great Britain and France as Mediterranean nations and Mohammedan powers would find themselves facing a menace which could not be exaggerated.

"But could Italy continue in the war? Again the question rises as to radical and socialist sentiment. Would a Russian retirement lead to a similar explosion in Italy, and would the same Utopian ideas serve to disarm the Italians as they had the Russians and thus make socialism the soldier of autocracy?

"No man can be sure what the answer to this question might be, if the Russian retirement were followed by one more terrific attack by the Central Powers upon Northern Italy.

"It is essential to face the fact that Germany at the present moment stands to win the war, it at all, because she is deriving great and growing aid from the liberal and socialistic elements in the countries that are fighting her.

"Autocracy, fighting for its life, Prussian military spirit at bay and threatened with extermination, is suddenly finding a possibility of survival because of the blind idealisms of the liberals in the world outside.

"If it were true that the same spirit of liberalism were rampant in Germany, if the German Socialists were able to urge peace without annexation upon Germany as the Russians are imposing it upon their own nation, one might view the situation with greater calm, but this is not the case.

"Thus we have the assertion of Scheidemann in the Reichstag that even if the Allied nations should proclaim the doctrine of peace without annexation, there would not yet be any revolution in Germany, although he asserted that such a time would come.

"German socialism is divided, but the larger faction still supports the government and the position of the government is weakened or strengthened as the military prospects improve or worsen.

"German socialism has not yet raised its voice to protest against annexation

## To Farmers:

Don't keep on buying high-priced flour: Raise buckwheat; you can get it ground

I will have my mill in shape to make good flour from the buckwheat you raise this summer.

My mill is now making good meal. Bring your corn and have it ground or buy home-ground meal, instead of shipped-in meal. Patronize home industry. You can get my meal of Reed & Burnett, J. E. Burnett or at my mill.

J. LEE QUALLS

as a matter of morals, in any great volume. It has declared that as a matter of fact Germany could not win the war in such a fashion as to acquire territory or impose indemnities. That is all. And this is a long way from the Russian spirit, which is one of pure if ill-balanced idealism.

"No man can say that the growth and spread of liberal and even Utopian ideas in Russia will not affect Germany. As the war goes on if German prospects continue to worsen, we shall certainly have an ever-growing demand in Germany for peace without annexation or indemnity.

"But what it is essential to recognize now is that the completeness of the Russian collapse has awakened new hope in Berlin and that this fact, added to the still unshaken faith in the submarine, has given Germany a new accession of confidence which is unmistakable and a new expectation of emerging from the war with increased territory and with some portion of the costs of the war imposed upon the enemy.

"The example of Frederick the Great in the Silesian War is now in all German minds. Frederick fought all Europe for Silesia, and at the end retained the stolen province. He was saved by a Russian change of rulers. Once more hope comes from the East."

## BOUGHT LIBERTY BONDS.

Most Purchasers Using Them as Saving Accounts for Children.

A few persons have bought liberty bonds in the sum of \$50. In most instances the bonds have been bought as a saving account for small children of those purchasing. In some instances the cash has been paid outright and in other cases the monthly installment plan will be taken advantage of.

The bank here will subscribe for a few thousand dollars of the bonds but just how many has not as yet been decided by the bank officials.

Following are the names of individuals who have thus far subscribed:

W. F. Bandy,  
A. L. Garrison,  
C. E. Keyes,  
J. B. Johnson,  
Dr. W. A. Reed,  
Ira Smith,  
Miss Lavenia Miller,  
Miss Anna McGuire,  
F. A. McCartt,  
Philip Vanhoy,

S. N. Smith,  
C. E. Snodgrass,  
K. L. Bibrey.  
Making a total of \$2,500 and may be increased. It is every way probable that there will be numerous others to subscribe later.

## OIL WORK.

The people who are preparing to put down a test hole on Peavine mountain have their derrick ready and are now waiting for the arrival of a gas engine for pumping the necessary water to supply the drilling.

A mile of pipe has been received and is being laid for conducting the water to the derrick. The gas engine will probably arrive shortly and then the work of actual drilling will commence in a few days.

## LAST TAPS FOR BUFFALO BILL

Body Laid to Rest on Lookout Mountain, Near Denver, Colorado.

Last tribute was paid Sunday to the memory of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) by a vast assemblage when the body of the famous scout and plainsman was placed in a vault blasted from solid rock on top of Lookout Mountain, twenty miles from Denver.

More than 10,000 people went from Denver to Lookout Mountain by automobile and electric train. Several thousand who had gone by trolley to Golden, at the foot of the mountain, climbed steep foot trails or trudged along the automobile road to Wildcat Point, where the burial was held.

The ceremony at the grave was simple. The Masonic ritual was under the direction of the Golden Masonic lodge.

At the conclusion of the service a bugler sounded taps. When the last note had died out a battery of Colorado national guard artillery fired a salute of thirteen guns and the stars and stripes were hoisted from a lagpole at the grave.

## VANDEVER

Lula Minnie Burgess and Brown Worthington visited M. H. Myers and family Sunday.

John Myers and Ethel Hugh were quietly married Sunday morning. They have many friends over here county who wish them a long and happy married life.

Doss Suggs visited homebiks Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Stone visited C. V. Davis Sunday.

June 4. Nameless.

## RED CROSS CHAPTER TO BE FORMED

Exercises at Court House Next Wednesday Preliminary to Organization. Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls to Be on Program

You are cordially invited and requested to come to a meeting at the Court House June 13th, 1917, at 3:00 p. m. to plan and organize a Chapter of the Red Cross.

Ways and means must be suggested and advised to carry on some good, efficient work in Cumberland county for this humanitarian cause.

IT BELONGS TO YOU!  
It may be the means of serving members of your family and kinfolk.

Mrs. C. B. Hubbard, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be present. Some of her experiences will be related, as she was in France at the opening of the war.

This is a county affair and your men and boys will appreciate the interest and work done. We must all stand together; no one is too rich to give and do, and none are too poor.

Of course I am not on the grounds, but Miss Lammert is, and others.

## PROGRAM.

"America," Camp Fire Girls, Glee Club and Boy Scouts leading, joined by congregation singing in unison.

Prayer, Rev. W. C. Martin.

Reading of poem, "Your Flag and My Flag."

Singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Address, by Judge C. E. Snodgrass.

Singing, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

"The History of the Red Cross and Its Status at the Present Time," paper to be read by Mrs. F. H. Washburn.

Organization of Red Cross Chapter. Singing, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mrs. F. H. Washburn, General Chairman.

## THE RED CROSS.

Oh great white banner, whose cross of red,  
Is stained with blood brave men have shed,  
I pledge myself and all my skill,

To do thy work with loyal will,  
Till wars shall pass, and battle cease,  
And every land lies bathed in peace.—Dedicated to the Crossville Chapter of the American Red Cross, by Anna Beryl Hubbard

## WORLD SHORTAGE OF WHEAT.

The Stock and Prospects Show Less Than Three-Fourths as Much as Last Year

Reports that come from Rome, Italy, the great world central information bureau touching the cereal crop of the world, shows that the crop on hand and estimates for the year give a crop of only 73.9 per cent of the crop last year at this time.

The crop in the southern hemisphere is very good so far as Australia is concerned but in the next great wheat producing section, Argentina, the crop is only one-third of normal and the government has forbidden shipping of it abroad. The worst feature of the situation is that the other cereals, such as rye, barley, oats, etc., will not make up the wheat deficiency.

The Rome report contains this statement: "Normal requirements cannot possibly be satisfied this year."

## MORE CORN.

That means that the corn crop should be pushed to the utmost and that buckwheat should be sown on every acre that will produce it, where it is possible to grow it without seriously interfering with other crops.

We are reliably informed that an offer of \$1.25 a bushel for corn at gathering time is being refused in the valley west of the mountain. If that means anything it means \$2.00 corn for this section.

That will prove a very strong incentive for our people to grow every bushel possible of corn and also to grow all the buckwheat possible to help out the corn and wheat bread supply.

## DON'T PULL FODDER.

In this connection it is a good time to again caution our farmers against "pulling fodder." Experiments made at the South Carolina agricultural ex-

## GOES UP HIGHER

Geo. T. Renfro Made Special Agent for American Sugar Refining Co.

George T. Renfro has just landed a job that any young man might well feel proud to hold. He has changed from selling Red Wing grape juice to the position of special agent for the American Sugar Refining Company, with headquarters at Nashville.

He has been made special agent for the Nashville district and all orders taken by the salesmen of the American company will go through his hands. When it is remembered that the American Sugar Refining Company is capitalized at ninety millions of dollars and have a surplus of thirty millions it will be readily seen that the position Mr. Renfro now has is one that means great advancement and better opportunities, provided he makes good.

Mr. Renfro started in life a poor boy, raised on a farm in this county. He first had charge of a little retail store at Crab Orchard. Later he went on the road as salesman for a Harri-man wholesale house. From there he accepted a like position, with an increase of salary, with a Nashville grocery house.

When the great temperance wave swept over Tennessee that landed Ben W. Hooper in the governors' chair, Mr. Renfro was made secretary of the republican state executive committee, which place he held with marked ability until Newell Sanders was unhorsed by the election of J. S. Beasley. Chairman Beasley had his preference and Mr. Renfro was let out for another. Never during his entire service of four years was there the slightest charge of wrong-doing or incompetency brought against him.

When he retired from politics he readily secured a position with one of the large Nashville wholesale grocery houses. He held that place until the company went into voluntary liquidation and retired from the field. From that place he took up selling shoes for one of the largest wholesale shoe houses in St. Louis. A little later he secured a more congenial and profitable job with the Red Wing grape juice company, which position he held until his present appointment. While with the Red Wing company, a few months ago, he made a single sale of over \$1,000 in grape juice to one concern, which brought him an increase in salary and a position of prominence as a salesman for the company.

It was with much regret that he severed his connection with the grape juice company but the sugar people put before him such a tempting outlook that he felt justified in making the change.

When it is remembered that he has never failed to make good in any place he has held there is every reason to expect him to make good with the sugar people. His many friends in this county will be greatly pleased to learn of his advancement and will confidently expect him to discharge the duties of the enlarged position with such marked credit as will lead him to even a higher place than he now holds.

periment station show that:

PULLING FODDER EARLY REDUCES THE CORN YIELD TEN BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.

PULLING FODDER LATE—SO LATE THAT THE FODDER IS PRACTICALLY WORTHLESS—CAUSED A LOSS OFFIVE AND A HALF BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.

Every farmer in the county should bear these facts in mind and refuse to pull fodder this year.

Seed for making hay is very high this year and the reason for pulling fodder this year will seem stronger than ever before, but bear in mind that the fodder you get from an acre is never worth as much as five or ten bushels of corn, to say nothing of the labor of saving the fodder.

If you are growing potatoes it will pay big to spray them this year, especially. Come to the Chronicle office and you can get information about as good a spray machine as is made. Order it yourself if you wish, or we will order it for you.